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1. According to the most recent registration by the Shanghai Municipal Government, there are 112 citizens of Czechoslovakia in Shanghai; of these, approximately 23 persons are actually pro-Soviet and are engaged in disseminating Soviet propaganda. The spreading of Soviet propaganda to the Czechoslovak community in Shanghai was intensified about 1 November 1947, and this effort has resulted in different political alignments within the Czechoslovak community. Pro-Soviet activity is now openly carried on through the Czechoslovak Circle (Ceskoslovensky Krouzek) at 214 Route Roi Albert. Although not clearly defined or organized, there are four different groupings among citizens of Czechoslovakia in Shanghai: (1) a small covert group, alleged to be members of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, who are attached to the Jewish Refugee Group with Communist leanings in Shanghai; (2) a pro-Soviet group, who are not members of the Communist Party; (3) an anti-Soviet group; (4) a so-called neutral group.

Pro-Soviet Group

2. The following, who are not members of the Communist Party, are the most active members of the pro-Soviet group:

L. Horský, leader

Jan. M. Gottwald, secretary

E. T. Teske and his wife, Dr. Katerina Tuleniv-Teske; she is of Russian origin and is registered as a Soviet citizen

Dr. Vera G. Liebllich, 1173 Bubbling Well Road

V. Pfeiffer

A. B. Rezek

F. Dobrin

Nearly all of these persons are members of the Executive Committee of the Czechoslovak Circle. Some members of this pro-Soviet group are also members of the All-Slav Union in Shanghai or of the Soviet society VOXS (All-Union Association for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries). On 12 November 1947 a meeting of this pro-Soviet group, presided over by Horský and Gottwald, was held at the Czechoslovak Circle. At this meeting it was decided that citizens of Czechoslovakia in Shanghai should follow the policy of the present Czechoslovak government and should maintain friendly relations with Soviet citizens and other pro-Soviet groups in Shanghai.

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150577Anti-Soviet Group

3. Among approximately 50 persons, the following are leading members of the anti-Soviet group:

W. Hrdlicka	E. R. Saxl
H. Aufwerber	F. E. Staniek
L. Novak	E. Sekal
E. A. Emanuel	A. Braun
F. F. Urbanek	Dr. W. Korec
H. H. Kusik	Dr. B. G. Sussland
Victor Saxl	W. Jellinek
Alfred Stein	S. Sudka

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4. At present there is a special office at the Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce, 107 Avenue Edward VII, which is carrying out such business as the registration of members of this anti-Soviet group. In early December 1947 a meeting of leaders of the anti-Soviet group and some members of the so-called neutral group was held at 668 Szechuan Road in the offices of the Bramore Trading Company, a Czechoslovak firm. At this meeting it was decided to form the Czechoslovak National Patriotic Association of China, and the following were elected as a special committee of the Association: Dr. B. G. Sussland, chairman; H. Aufwerber, vice chairman; W. Hasik, secretary. The following program was adopted: (1) That the "internal" work of the citizens of Czechoslovakia in Shanghai be concerned only with the keeping of national unity; (2) that attempts be made to absorb all citizens of Czechoslovakia in Shanghai into a national movement; and (3) that propaganda be spread to the effect that the citizens of Czechoslovakia are not pro-Soviet. Members of French Intelligence in Shanghai have already made contact with this anti-Soviet group requesting its members to join the Czechoslovak organization in France which fights Communist influence in Czechoslovakia and which attempts to enlist the aid of citizens of Czechoslovakia abroad who are anti-Soviet.
5. The "neutral" group, consisting of about 40 persons, is neither anti-Soviet nor pro-Soviet; most of its members belong to the Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce and maintain good relations with both groups in order to continue their various businesses. The most active of this group are: G. L. Hlatov, F. Kortus, W. Hasik, K. Luchik, S. Roehren and A. Suchostich.

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